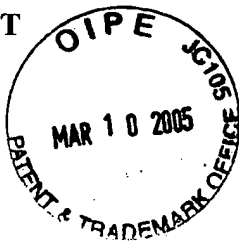


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Dear Sirs:

This Reply and Amendment is responsive to an Office Action dated December 6, 2004.

The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on March 7, 2005  
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